Russian counterpart were also present. Minister of State called on Russian dignatries including Mr. Yakov M Urinson, First Deputy Minister of Economy of the Russian Federation, Mr. M. E. Fradkov, First Deputy Minister of Foreign Economic Relations and Mr. Yuri Federovich Yarov, Deputy Prime Minister. The main points in their talks included discussion on utilisation of debt repayment, development of Novorrossisk port, matters relating to Indo-Russian Joint Commission, Russian Investments in Joint venture in India, the agreement on promotion and rediprocal protection of investments, and measures for raising the level of bilateral trade between Russia and India to 50 billion in next 2-3 years.

(c) After the break-up former USSR, this event exposed of Russian business community to large variety of goods produced and services given by Indian business Community, and there was one to one interaction between the business community of the two countries. It also generated good will among the Russian public.

Conversion of Dankuni Coal Complex into a Joint Venture

*219. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to convert Dankuni Coal Complex into a joint venture;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what are the terms of such private participation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) to (c) Low Temperature Carbonisation (LTC) plant at Dankuni in West Bengal is presently incurring heavy losses resulting in adverse effect on Coal India Limited's financial results. Many action points have been identified to bring about overall improvement in financial performance of LTC Plant. One of the suggestions put forward is to explore the possibility of entrusting the production and distribution of coke and coal gases to a joint venture company with Dankuni Coal Complex (DCC) and Greater Calcutta Gas Supply Corporation (GCGSC) as partners.

As of now Coal India Ltd, (CIL) are directing their efforts towards making the unit viable through maximisation of production and speedy development of market for the products.

Export of Engineering Goods

*220. SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether export of engineering sector items have been made during 1993-94;

(b) if so, the details thereof with names of items exported.

(c) whether some target for export of engineering items was fixed for 1993-94;

(d) if so, the details thereof in crores of rupees;

(e) whether Government have fixed some target for export of engineering items during 1994-95;

(f) if so, details thereof in items of crores of rupees; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Provisional exports of engineering sector items during 1993-94 were Rs. 8406 crores. The product groups included in this sector are ferro alloys, aluminium other than products, non ferrous metals, manufactures of metals, machine tools, machinery and instruments, transport equipment, residual engineering items, iron & steel bars/rods etc. and primary and semi finished iron & steel.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The target for export of engineering items during 1993-94 was Rs. 8000 crores.

(e) and (f) A provisional target of Rs. 9450 crores has been fixed for exports of engineering items during 1994-95.

(g) Does not arise.

Centralisation of different sections in Super Bazar

1747. SHRI O. P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Distribution Sections in the Regional Distribution Centres, Super Bazar, work under the Regional Distributin Centres while the Purchase Section is centralised and operates from Connaught Circus Office of Super Bazar;

(b) if so, the reasons for the Purchase and Distribution Sections not being centralised under one authority at the Connaught Circus Office of the Super Bazar for better coordination and functioning;

(c) the steps taken in this regard;

(d) whether the supplies made by the suppliers keep languishing in these Distribution Sections for long periods;

(e) if so, the reasons thereof and the steps taken to ensure the despatch of these goods to the branch stores within three days of the receipt of the deliveries; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Super Bazar has reported that the present system is working satisfactorily and there is no proposal to change it.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) There is perfect coordination and monitoring between the purchase Section and RDCs and all the supplies are made as per demand and in time.

Review of Public Consumer Distribution System of Super Bazar

1748. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any review of the present Public Consumer Distribution System of Super Bazar in Delhi, in selected blocks, has been carried-out;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof and the improvements proposed to be affected by this review;

(c) whether it is proposed to extend the review to other selected backward blocks in the capital, particularly in East Delhi; and

(d) if so, the details therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

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1749. **श्री गोपाल सिंह जी. सोलंकी :** क्या नागरिक आपूर्ति, उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) प्रधान मंत्री के विशेष भर्ती अभियान के अंतर्गत सुपर बाजार द्वारा दिसम्बर, 1993 तक विभिन्न वर्गों के